

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application. The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office action, and amended as necessary to more clearly and particularly describe the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Initially, Applicant notes that an initialed copy of the form PTO-1449 included with the information disclosure statement (IDS) filed on January 22, 2004 with a request for continued examiner (RCE) has not been received by the Applicant. Therefore, Applicant requests that the Examiner forward a copy of the PTO-1449 with each of the references initialed.

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,314,454 to Wang et al. (hereinafter "Wang"). Claim 1 has been amended to better distinguish from the prior art. Therefore, for the following reasons, the rejection has been rendered moot.

Regarding claim 1, Wang does not teach or suggest "sending said notification to the client system *in response to* arrival of the succeeding message at the server," as required. Wang teaches a conventional "pull-type" mail system where the client must first log into the mail server before the server informs the client of new mail. In the presently claimed invention, a "push-type" mail system is provided, wherein the server notifies the client of the receipt of new mail in response to its receipt, without the need for the client to log in to or request new mail from the server. Wang clearly teaches that the client or receiving account (740) first logs in to a server (340), after which the server (340) notifies the receiving account (740) that it has mail waiting (see column 6, lines 51-53). Thus, in Wang, the server (340) notifies the receiving account (740) that it has mail waiting *in response to the receiving account logging in*, not in response to the mail being received by the server, as in claim 1. There is no teaching or suggestion of using a push-type

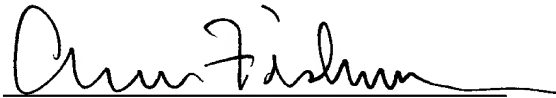
mail system anywhere in Wang. Since Wang does not teach or suggest every limitation of the claim, claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-6 are patentable over the prior art of record.

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 32911.

Respectfully submitted,

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